



huh.



Chaz

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Tasha wants me to teach her to shoot. That was unforeseen.

(Her rationale: "If there are going to be guns in my bedroom, I want to know how to use them." And I really can't fault that....)

O., help?



Three things!

1) Okay, O., She Wants Revenge = yes. It's like the Eighties rose up from the grave and came looking

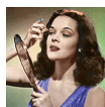
Experimental Whole Wheat Green Chile Robot Bread #1

Yes, baking with your hands is more fun. And the results have a better texture, and taste better.

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All right, unconscious mind. We're coming to an accommodation. If the dreams are you cleaning

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Y'know, sometimes the best way to learn something is to teach it.

Just, you know, sayin'.



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She's itty bitty. I need somebody to show her the girl gun tricks.

(Strong as hell, though. Grip strength *won't* be a problem.)



 [Ometotchtli](#)



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She's not *itty bitty*. She just looks that way from up there.

Still, good candidate for isosceles grip.

I will help. Tell me whatcha want.

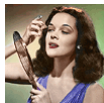


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She's pocket-sized! Portable! I could carry two of her out of a burning building. When you're belaying her, you can barely feel her on the rope! (Which is one reason she's a good climber. Strength-to-weight ratio like whoa.)

Can we go ruin the afternoon of some largish pieces of paper on Saturday?



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Saaaaaaaturday--ok. I just have to get home to wash the lead residue off me before dinner.



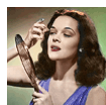
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She's got the dayjob. And after work tonight and Thursday, climbing. And Friday there will no doubt be Friday things.

I guess we could go Wednesday night?

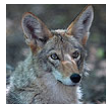
What are you doing Saturday night?



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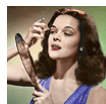
Eating dinner.



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Is this a not-a-date?




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It is not. a. date.



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With the Not-a-Boy?

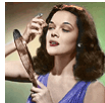


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She's cute when she temporizes.

It would be more fun if you could see her blush, though.

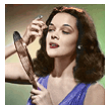


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You couldn't see me blush even if you *could* see me blush. I am safe in my Sanctum Sanctorum.*

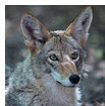
*Which reminds me of another thing I can call Dad. We'll see if he gets it.



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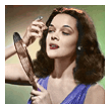
He will be present. Also, there are mariachis involved, so definitely not a date.



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Totally not a date. Completely undatelike. What a girl can't go out with a not-a-boy friend without everybody getting suspicious?



 [Ometochtli](#)

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EXACTLY my point. Don't forget it. There will be a quiz.



 [asciikitty](#)

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and the things that are hard for you are the best ones to teach.
to learn.


I can't teach knitting to save my life, but I can still probably teach a little kid to throw a decent punch.

 [caulay](#)

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Then I shan't ask you to help me re-learn knitting.



 [trollcatz](#)

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Or you could just leave your hardware in the living room. *g*




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After the lecture O. gave me last fall?



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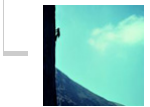
I guess a gun safe isn't exactly the perfect present for a friend-with-benefits... o.O



[turantula](#)

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I say teach her. If she's going to be involved with one in your line of work, she might just need it someday, eh?



 [cvillette](#)

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Contrary to what you see in the movies and on TVs, thankfully, being the S.O. of a law-enforcement officer isn't really a particularly dangerous occupation.

Except in terms of emotional stress. Which *is* significant.



[turantula](#)

[February 26 2008, 14:18:09 UTC](#) [COLLAPSE](#)

As true as that may be -- as it hopefully is -- there is still the following to consider. As long as the situation is conceivably plausible, it could happen. No matter how rare such a situation is in real life, it still wouldn't fit into the 'rare' category if it never happened. The dots sitting outside outside the nth standard deviation are still there. In my experiences, I've learned that it's better to be unnecessarily prepared than to get caught unaware. Does that make me paranoid? Perhaps, a little, but not to a nonfunctioning level. More importantly (to me, at least), it keeps me safe.



 [Ometotchtli](#)

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Except in terms of emotional stress. Which is significant.

Yeah, usually we kill 'em with kindness.




 [cvillette](#)

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The Harpy does, anyway.

I would make some grumbling noise about wanting a girlfriend who cooked, except... Tasha can. (It really was awesome non-euphemistic pie. Somehow she manages to get the filling just right, neither runny nor dry. I seem to have hit the lottery here.)



 [trollcatz](#)

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It's inevitable. Escalation of wants. First he just wants a girl. Then he wants a girl who cooks...

Attachment and desire are the root of unhappiness, grasshopper.



 [trollcatz](#)

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Noted for the record: He said "girlfriend."

Twice.



 [cvillette](#)

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Well, it's the polite term.



 [trollcatz](#)

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Careful there. You're about to drip some smug on your bagel.

 [turtlerock](#)

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And the stress of not always being able to tell your S.O. the specifics of what you do... I have mastered the art of non-specific, job-related ranting. It is my special gift.



 [cvillette](#)

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She knows exactly what I do. I'm a glorified paper pusher with a gun, not a spy.

I mean, sure, investigations are confidential, but so is a lot of her work.

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 [cvillette](#)

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I have a semiautomatic with a honking big magazine. But we can find something for her to practice with.

 [turtlerock](#)

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Is your gun government issue? If so, she probably couldn't use it anyway, right? Also, do either of you live in the District? If so, it is a federal offense (I think maybe a felony) for anyone other than a federal agent to possess a gun. So, although she could still learn how to use one, the best advice re your gun would be "Stay the hell away from it or we will both get fired and/or go to jail."



 [cvillette](#)

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Neither of us live in the District. Fret not: all legalities shall be observed.

 [turtlerock](#)

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Sorry about that. I am a federal prosecutor (although I do civil work, not criminal) and, as a result, I sort of spazz when it comes to observing the legalities. As you know, those of us in federal law enforcement are held to some pretty high and often counterintuitive standards--and we are subject to periodic background checks.



 [cvillette](#)

[February 26 2008, 15:23:56 UTC](#) [COLLAPSE](#)

I promise not to shoot up anything that does not have a UPC symbol in the corner, not allow anyone under my instruction to do otherwise. Nor will I loan any federal property to my girlfriend.

 [turtlerock](#)

[February 26 2008, 15:37:40 UTC](#) [COLLAPSE](#)

Oh, shoot away! I was a Southerner long before I was a Fed. And my dad back home in New Orleans is also a Fed--and he has guns on every flat surface in the house. For, um, hunting. And self-defense. And because he thinks that they are cool.*

Besides, my taxpayer dollars have gone to teach you how to use a gun. So you should. And you should do it well. Preferably, in the line of duty and to save my taxpayer butt. Or to impress your girlfriend with your competence and marksmanship. Whichever.

*N.B. I don't particularly like guns and am sort of non-violent. I am just, well, used to them.

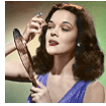
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(Honestly, I don't really like them either. But they come with the job. And I really like the job.)

0. actually gave me a t-shirt a while back that says "Your Taxpayer Dollars At Work" across the back. I love it almost too much to risk it by wearing it bouldering.

Almost.



 [Ometotchtli](#)

[February 27 2008, 14:33:30 UTC](#) [COLLAPSE](#)

I promise not to shoot up anything that does not have a UPC symbol in the corner

you know, that leaves boxes of cereal as permissible targets.

hmm, giant-size cornflakes and a shotgun...



 [cvillette](#)

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Mmm. Cornflakes.



 [dancing_crow](#)

[February 27 2008, 21:50:15 UTC](#) [COLLAPSE](#)

We had a zucchini shoot in the garden one year when they were particularly pesky - bow and arrows rather than boom. I imagine cornflakes with bullets would be pretty spectacular. Rice krispies might be even fluffier as they exit the box



 [rickybuchanan](#)

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This is the part where you promise faithfully that "UPC" doesn't stand for "United Postal Carrier" or something, right?

Also, I suggest also not lending any girlfriends to fed.... never mind.

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PS

I have something to email you. Where'd be the best address? Trust me, you will REALLY like it.



 [cvillette](#)

[February 29 2008, 02:58:47 UTC](#) [COLLAPSE](#)

Universal Product Code.

I'm a little scared now. chazvillette at the gmail place will reach me for email...



 [Ometotchtli](#)

[February 26 2008, 15:12:18 UTC](#) [COLLAPSE](#)

I totally liked the first question better. =:+D




 [cvillette](#)

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You'll have to ask Tasha.



 [trollcatz](#)

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The real question is, is your gun too big or too small for *her*? But, you know, as you said, she can always get a loaner. Or a rental.




 [cvillette](#)

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I'd tell you you're going to Hell for that comment, but (1) atheist and (2) having too much fun picking on Wabbit in the other thread.

Moral high ground, what?



 [trollcatz](#)

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You're way too unflappable on this topic.

The sex must be pretty good.



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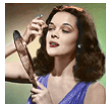
I hate profilers.



 [trollcatz](#)

[February 26 2008, 15:36:39 UTC](#) [COLLAPSE](#)

Scoooooore!



 Ometotchtli

February 26 2008, 15:40:42 UTC

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What goes around, comes around.

 eljefe

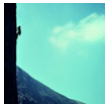
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I'll put money on her being a better point shot than you right off the bat(Which is cheating, as women usually are).

May I suggest a small to mid sized frame revolver, either a 4" or 6" barrel based on how it feels in her hands. .357 of course, but start with .38. Odds are, even if the range doesn't have one to rent, one of your coworkers will have one. An automatic is just that, whereas a revolver has a nice series of events required in order to make it go bang. Less prone to accident, more user friendly, and more accurate. Start her off with .38 at about 15 feet or so. As she gets more comfortable, you can increase the distance, and even let her run through some .357 magnum rounds. Biggest thing is to not push her past her comfort levels at this point.

This is a good thing to go shopping for, you should have a wheelgun as a backup at home anyway.



 cvillette

February 26 2008, 15:57:13 UTC

COLLAPSE

Good advice. Thank you.


 eljefe

February 26 2008, 16:07:31 UTC

COLLAPSE

De nada. I've done this once or twice, and my wife persists in being a better precision shot than I am. I've watched her put 3 through the X at 15 yards, each shot making the hole a bit bigger. If she didn't bake for me, I don't think my male ego could stand it. *grin*

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 eljefe

February 26 2008, 16:21:39 UTC

COLLAPSE

Revolvers are definitely more Zen. I thought you had shot a couple Cowboy events? They have a bunch of them in your neck of the woods.

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 eljefe

February 26 2008, 19:37:45 UTC

COLLAPSE

That's on my list o' stuff to do as well, but I don't have the iron for it. Wonder if they have a rental?


 eljefe

February 27 2008, 04:57:02 UTC

COLLAPSE

Meant to mention this earlier, but was distracted. Should you or Will ever want to put a few holes through paper, my meager arsenal is at your disposal. I try to get to the public range at Casa Grande once a month.




 [inaurolillium](#)

[February 27 2008, 06:38:18 UTC](#)

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I had a thought today: If, for whatever unheard-of reason, you ever didn't manage to eat all of the shoggoth's bread, you could remove the crust, dice it, and turn it into a very nice savory bread pudding. You could even freeze the cubes for later use.

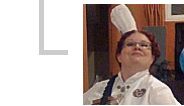


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That's so tempting that I feel like I should arrange to have it happen.



 [inaurolillium](#)

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If you do, I want details.

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